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BRIEF

FOR THE DEAF OF PENNSYLVANIA IN THEIR PLEA TO REPEAL THE RESTRICTION AGAINST THEM TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES BY ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF JUNE 30TH, 1919, P. L. 678.

SELINS GROVE, PA., Feb. 16, 1923.

To The Pennsylvania Deaf—Attention:
DEAR FRIEND:—The fight is on before the Legislature to remove or modify the restriction in the present motor law of Pennsylvania, which prohibits deaf persons from operating a motor vehicle on the public highways. With our Attorney, Harry A. Coryell, Esq., I am working on the matter. The Governor, Highway Department and Members of the Legislature will be shown wherein the present restriction is wrong and unjust. We feel that we have a good case and for a good cause.

We need several hundred dollars to meet the cost of printing, postage, traveling expenses and services rendered by our Attorney. The time to fight and to contribute is now, not after the fight is waged and the Legislature has again passed on the matter adversely because of an inadequately waged fight.

Mr. F. M. Holliday, President of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, has appointed me special representative of the Society with full authority to collect contributions for this special purpose.

Please send me your contribution as soon as possible and give as much as you can.

Sincerely yours,
FRANKLIN C. SMIELAU,
Box 369, Selins Grove, Pa.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR GIFFORD PINCHOT;
The Honorable Members of the Senate and House of Representatives,
And the Honorable Highway Department, all of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

GENTLEMEN:—We commend the following data for your perusal with the hope that you will give this matter your unbiased judgement. If we show you that any present law is wrong and unjust, could we not expect and cherish the hope that you will at the first opportunity right the same.

FRANKLIN C. SMIELAU,
Special Representative of Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf (Incorporated).

HARRY A. CORYELL,
Attorney for Said Society.

SELINS GROVE, PA., February 6, 1923.

TO THE HON. GIFFORD PINCHOT,
Governor of Pennsylvania:

MY DEAR GOVERNOR PINCHOT:—Because of an interest I have long shown in combatting unfair and unreasonable discrimination against deaf persons operating motor vehicles in Pennsylvania, I have been appointed special representative of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf to take up the matter of having the present ruling modified. In that capacity I respectfully call to your consideration the fact that every deaf autist in the country is directly interested in the attitude assumed in the right of the class to use the highways for which they are assessed. That this great Commonwealth which our taxes help to maintain should debar us from its streets and highways is indefensible. Pennsylvania is the only State in the Union that has on its statutes a law, placed there by regularly constituted lawmakers, making legal such a discrimination. In all other States the restriction has been the result of placing discretion in the hands of single persons who are not remotely qualified by education or by experience to pass upon a question so interwoven with elements of psychology as in this one. They have steadfastly ignored not only the advice and criticism of men qualified by long experience and under close association, but the evidence of accident statistics as well.

The report of Dr. Raymond Dodge, Chairman of the Division of Psychology of the National Research Council, (extracts from which were printed in the *Literary Digest* a few weeks ago) describes brain-tests all of which had relation to the training of sight alone in guarding against accidents. A deaf person's sight, where deafness is of long standing, is trained to the highest pitch along the lines identical with those required for the safe handling of an automobile.

A peculiarly unintelligent feature of the attitude of opposition is in the assumption that deaf persons care nothing for their personal safety; that they are willing to risk life and limb for the pleasures and profits to be found in motor-driving; that a

lifetime of dodging automobiles on foot and otherwise guarding themselves by alert wits and trained vision has taught them nothing of the dangers of the road.

In the hundreds of letters I have exchanged on this subject I have never had a valid reason presented for the refusal of a license, nor have I been able to unearth a single authentic case where deafness was responsible for an accident. In one instance a Commissioner was reported to me as declaring that a deaf man could not hear the whistle of a traffic officer calling him back. That was all. Personally, I have never been in a car that was called back, though it is conceivable that it might happen. It does not, however, appear to be a sufficient reason for refusing a license. And whistles are being discarded in the big cities in favor of semaphores.

It goes without saying that the ultimate solution of our traffic problems can be reached only by intelligent and painstaking study and consultation. Thus far this has been wholly lacking as applied to the deaf of our Commonwealth; no one who knows has been called into consultation; theory and prejudice have had complete sway in laying down our statutes this unfair, unjust and unreasonable rule. Your Excellency has a splendid opportunity to give sanction to the modification of this rule and perform a service that will be far-reaching in its effects.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) FRANKLIN C. SMIELAU.

GENTLEMEN:—We wish to submit that the adoption of so drastic an enactment as this without consulting authorities familiar with the ability and shortcomings incident to deafness was extremely unjust and unnecessary.

We have had considerable correspondence with persons who have had life-long associations with deaf people, and without exception they express themselves as strongly opposed to the laws as it is today in Pennsylvania.

COMMENTS

President Percival Hall, of Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., (the only college for the deaf in the world) writes from nearly thirty years' experience as the head and an instructor of this college. You will note that he declares that of the dozens of deaf drivers personally known to him, none have been in serious accidents, and gives the reason for this.

"The deaf are particularly careful in watching traffic because of their infirmity. This is especially true of those who have been deaf a long time. The safe driving of an automobile depends practically entirely on good vision and judgement. I am acquainted with a number of deaf drivers none of whom have been blamed for an accident. I have ridden with a number of them myself and have found them good drivers."

H. D. Drake, of the office of the disbursing agent of Gallaudet College, himself entirely deaf, writes as follows: "Some twenty deaf-mutes here in the District have permits and as far as I know not a single license has been revoked. Several have had trouble, but this was not due to their deafness. Personally, I have been driving cars since 1910 and so far I have a perfectly clean record. I am personally acquainted with a number of policemen here in Washington and they all agree with me that hearing is not essential in the driving of a car; in fact deafness is a blessing as you are not bothered by the many complicated sounds and noises. They often ride with me about town and are not afraid!"

(Mr. Drake gives this piece of information which should be of particular interest to you gentlemen: "It may be of interest to you to know that the side mirror so much used for keeping tab on the rear is the invention of a deaf man in England—I believe his name is Wilson. It is almost universally used now by hearing people and in some States the law requires their use."

Dr. Harold Hays, New York Specialist in Ear Diseases. Has driven car self 12 years.

"I wish to protest against any ruling which would discriminate against deafened persons operating motor vehicles. Incidentally, I wish to remark that I am not deaf myself

and therefore can look at his matter from an impartial point of view. The majority of deafened persons are keenly alive to the factors which surround them and therefore are much more careful than the hearing person would be. As a rule, they have keen eyesight and use it to good advantage particularly when driving an automobile. To my mind, what is of more importance is the test of eyesight and reflex action."

Dr. A. L. E. Crouter, Superintendent Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.

"In my experience intelligent deaf persons are less inclined to take chances than hearing persons; they are more careful. I have had charge of a very large school (over 500 deaf pupils) for more than 50 years. I have felt that intelligent deaf persons should be permitted to operate automobiles and doubt much if their doings so would prove a menace to others using the highways."

Dr. F. W. Booth, Superintendent Nebraska School for the Deaf, Omaha, Neb.

"I have owned and operated three automobiles.

"The deaf depend wholly upon the sight, the most reliable of the senses in automobile driving. The hearing persons divide his trust between the two senses, sight and hearing, the latter being, because of the noises made by his own car, in the extreme unreliable. Hearing may even be considered a hindrance to safe riding, to the extent that a driver listens and takes part in conversation with others in the car. A deaf driver never take his eyes or his attention off the road before him. I have ridden at the side of and behind numerous deaf persons and they have been without exception careful drivers."

E. V. Grabill, Attorney-at-Law, Boston, Mass., in a letter to Registrar F. A. Goodwin of the Mass. Automobile Department:

"I have for some time been counsel for the Speech Readers Guild of Boston, and through experience thus obtained I do not hesitate to state that, in my opinion, persons of impaired hearing, who are not otherwise disqualified, are much safer persons to be entrusted with the operation of a motor vehicle than are most persons who have their full ability to hear; that impairment itself makes them more attentive to the road and causes them to use their other senses with greater acuteness."

To the above, Registrar Goodwin replied that he had "no intention to discriminate against the deafened; that he had his records gone over carefully and could not find a single instance of an accident due to deafness."

In recent communication to Mr. W. W. Beadell, Chairman of the Traffic Bureau of the National Association of the Deaf, G. E. Wallis, Editor of the National Safety News, organ of the National Safety Council, describes a "Safety Drive":—

"It certainly seems logical that good eyesight backed by an alert brain is more essential in the driving of a motor vehicle safely than is the sense of hearing. You should have no difficulty in making this difference apparent. You would, naturally, seek to show that a motorist who watches traffic carefully, keeps his place in line of traffic, observes all crossing rules, uses the proper hand signals in turning off or going into streets, and who looks to the right, left, in front and behind him when he is about to change his course, is a safe driver and a person to be patterned after."

PENNSYLVANIA. Two years ago this extreme special law was passed Pennsylvania prohibiting the issuing of licenses to persons lacking two percent of normal hearing. Later the Highway Commissioner interpreted this law as meaning "no person who cannot distinguish spoken words at a distance of five feet, the speaker being behind." Were this law strictly enforced it would apply to practically every driver of an automobile, since none can hear at that distance when their engines are running, nor any person in a closed car. The law was passed in face of the personal assurances of Governor Sproul, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, and Members of the Sen-

ate Committee that they did not favor such action depriving the deaf of the privilege of operating a motor vehicle. Later Governor Sproul excused his action in signing the bill by saying that the Highway Commissioner (since deceased) desired the law.

While this law was pending interested persons in Pennsylvania made a thorough investigation, and we are informed that they listed no less than 140 deaf persons driving their own cars. Of this number nine were truck drivers and four drivers of public jitneys. At the same time the records of accidents throughout the State, kept at Harrisburg, were combed and not a single accident chargeable to deafness was discovered.

CALIFORNIA. Communications from three prominent deaf gentlemen known to all of their fellowmen of this State assure us that no accidents of any importance have taken place among deaf drivers of that State where deafness was responsible. There have been arrests for speeding and other breaches of traffic rules. They report that there are about forty licenses in the hands of the deaf of the Los Angeles district and about thirty in the San Francisco district. One of the writers states that the secretary of the auto club of Southern California, which approves a physical test of all applicants for licenses as well as the customary demonstration of ability to operate a car and a knowledge of the traffic laws, declares that if a deaf man can prove himself a good driver, deafness alone should not result in rejection.

CONNECTICUT. The Highway Commissioner thinks so well of licensing the deaf as motor drivers that he personally has granted licenses to several deaf persons and is since watching results.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. In the District of Columbia a deaf-mute driving a car very slowly on a dark and sleety night ran down and killed an aged colored woman. The test money at the coroner's trial showed that the accident happened in the middle of a block and that the woman stepped from the curb unexpectedly directly in front of the machine as it arrived opposite her. The driver was completely exonerated by the inquest. The fact that the driver was deaf did not escape the chief of police, however, and upon his refusing a permit to a deaf man the case was brought before the Commissioners of the District. After a full hearing the Commissioners issued instructions to the police to give every deaf applicant a fair trial and if he was qualified, to issue a permit. No licenses in the hands of known deaf drivers were called in.

An argument presented to the Commissioners and which apparently made the greatest impression upon them has very special significance at this time and I wish to call the particular attention of you gentlemen to this. Drivers of trucks in the District had been ordered to install side mirrors for the reason that there had been continuous complaint of their blocking trolley cars and often the fire apparatus of the city. It had been shown to the Commissioners that many of the drivers could not hear the bells of the trolley cars and fire apparatus. One of the defenders of the deaf drivers reminded the Commissioners of this fact and then pointed out that a deaf driver constantly watches his mirror and that being accustomed to depend on his eyes was always alert for any movement within his range of vision or in reflection of his mirror; but that a truck driver whose hearing under normal conditions is good is not in the habit of depending upon his eyes for anything transpiring to the rear of his car and would therefore commonly neglect his mirror, even though he had one.

We have said that this was significant. A widely published press dispatch was sent out on Saturday, September 9th, 1922, in which M. O. Eldridge, Director of roads of the American Automobile Association's Good Roads Committee, was quoted as reporting to the Secretary of Commerce as follows:

"Motor trucks need mirrors, as they travel at a slower rate of speed than passenger cars, and the noise of the engine completely drowns out, in many in-

stances, the horn of the motorist behind, who is blowing for the road."

Mr. Eldridge could have added that the character of a large number of the loads carried by trucks is such as to add to the noise of the engine and that the majority of large trucks are provided with completely—or partly—enclosed seats for the drivers, thus further obstructing all sound. We are stressing this argument because it is obvious that a heavy truck driven by a person who hears no sounds and yet who is not trained to deafness is a very much greater menace on our public roads than is the driver of another car who is trained to use his eyes alone and had the further incentive to use them with care for self-preservation.

MICHIGAN. In this center of the automobile industry the principal of the School for the Deaf informs us that to his personal knowledge in the constantly shifting population there are in the city of Flint twelve totally deaf owners and operators; in Detroit, twenty-one; in Lansing, three, and about forty scattered through the smaller places. Many of these have owned and driven their cars for years over thousands of miles without serious mishaps of any kind. He adds, "The traffic officers in the cities of Michigan know them as able and careful drivers and the garage men as splendid machinists (many being employed in the big automobile plants of Detroit, Pontiac, Flint and Lansing). At the Fordson Tractor plant in Detroit one of the best testers of the finished tractor plant is a deaf man. In Michigan, in the years the deaf have been driving, there have been only two arrests and those were for speeding."

This gentleman further states that recently a deaf driver of a motorcycle and his wife were run down by another motor car, the occupants of which were injured as well as the deaf couple. The case was reported to the State Department at Lansing, and later when the deaf man of Flint applied for a license, backed by the approval of the chief of police, a license, was refused. A committee of deaf gentlemen visited Lansing and personally conferred with the Secretary of State and showed him his mistake with the result that he withdrew his objection and left the matter as theretofore in the hands of chiefs of police.

MINNESOTA. The principal of the State School for the Deaf, who is also the editor of a newspaper for the deaf, published at this school and who therefore keeps in close touch with all its graduates, informs us that there are about seventy-five licenses in the hands of totally deaf drivers in that State and that during all the years of such driving he had learned of but "two or three" cases where a deaf driver had been involved in an accident. These accidents were collisions and the hearings that followed wholly exonerated the deaf drivers from responsibility therefor.

NEW JERSEY. In an interview with a deaf man, Governor Silzer said emphatically: "The deaf will have a square deal with the power of the State of New Jersey behind it."

In New Jersey the restriction against the issuing of licenses to the deaf was based upon a case a few years ago at Asbury Park where a young deaf-mute ran down and injured a man. The newspaper accounts described the accident as an ordinary one; the driver was going at slow speed; the injured man was standing in the street talking to a friend and seeing the automobile coming became panic-stricken and dodged back and forth in front of it with the usual results. Yet because the driver happened to be a deaf-mute the authorities promptly issued a ban against licenses in the hands of deaf persons.

In New Jersey there is talk of organizing a State Association of Deaf drivers with the object of assisting the automobile authorities by passing upon the qualifications of deaf applicants for licenses.

NEW YORK. Governor Smith and Highway Commissioner Bert Lord, both expressed themselves as opposed to any legislation against the deaf autoist.

NEW YORK CITY. The New York League for the Hard of Hearing, a

strong organization which did wonderful service during the late war in aiding deafened soldiers as well as in placing hard of hearing people in positions, informs us that in the Greater City there are about 250,000 persons of acknowledged deafness, or about one in every 240. Naturally a very large number of these operate their own automobiles and so far as the League knows none of them have ever been in an accident caused by their deafness. As a curious fact it is cited that a taxicab is being driven by an aged man who is so deaf that his fares are compelled to write their destination on a pad when they employ him. Ne known to practically all of the traffic officers of the city and never has been in an accident of any description, it was said.

The secretary of the New York League for the Hard of Hearing writes as follows:

"The League's stand in the matters (of licenses in the hands of the deaf) is that each case ought to be decided upon individually. Motor licenses should not be granted indiscriminately nor should they be withheld from all deafened persons."

The head of one of the departments of one of New York City's great universities writes fully of his experience in driving cars both before and after he became deaf. He says: "So far as I am personally concerned, I feel absolutely no handicap in driving because of my impaired hearing. Indeed, I am merely more careful, because in case of accident I feel that I should be blamed because of my defective hearing, even though that might have nothing to do with the question. I have had no accidents since my hearing became impaired. In the two or three years before that I had several of minor character, but in the three years I have been driving since my hearing became defective, I have had no accident at all, though I have driven probably over 15,000 miles."

Mrs. Edward B. Nitchie, principal of the Nitchie School of Lip-Reading, New York City, says:

"It would be a great injustice to prohibit deaf people from driving a car, for many of them are excellent drivers (she states that 'a good many' of her pupils drive their own cars) and far less liable to accident than a great majority of hearing people *** It has been suggested by someone that psychology tests be applied to all applicant for licenses, to determine whether or not they respond quickly, and can think quickly, and that I think, would be sensible. *** The hearing driver is so often disturbed by the talk of the other occupants of the car, or so confident of his ability to drive, that grows careless. It seems to me that driving a car does not depend on good ears so much as on the way a person's mind works; that it is, the one who reacts quickly, and who keeps his mind on what he is doing, will make a good driver, regardless of his hearing, and if his mind works slowly, or reacts slowly, and he is inclined to think of anything but the business in hand, he will drive poorly."

OHIO. While there appears to be no law or ruling in this State excluding licenses from the hands of the deaf, Akron presents one of the best demonstrations of any city in the country. In proportion to population it not has a greater number of young men and women totally deaf but also it has the greatest proportion of deaf drivers of motor vehicles. The Goodyear and Firestone plants have employed at the peak as many as 700 young deaf men and women at high wages, and many of them drive their own cars. The Director of Public Safety of Akron wrote he never had an arrest for accident due to deafness; could see no reason why a deaf person was not as safe a driver as any.

OREGON. Section 4791 of Chapter XXX of the Motor Vehicle Law of this state is as follows:

"Any person who has lost the use of one hand or one foot, or who has lost the use of both feet or whose eyesight or hearing are greatly impaired shall be considered as physically incapacitated; provided the secretary of State may in his discretion and in such form as he may deter-

mine, issue a special license or permit to any such person, upon receipt of such evidence or demonstration as shall satisfy him that such person has had sufficient experience in the operation of a motor vehicle."

There is of course a remedy at law—one that is now being agitated by the National Association of the Deaf with headquarters in Chicago. Were a case to be brought into court by one who has been refused a license it would be incumbent upon the Motor Vehicle Department involved to present irrefutable evidence that deafness was responsible for the accidents. Such cases have been so rare that they would prove negligible. When such cases are brought to your attention you will always have nearby the assistance of some person competent to get at the facts through long association with the deaf, as nearly every State and large city now have schools for the deaf.

We have presented the above data with the thought that it would prove especially informative to those desiring the facts with regard to the deaf, and to rationally show you that no restriction against the deaf such as is contained in the present statute law should remain un repealed. In the case of an accident involving a deaf person, those not specially informed immediately attribute the difficulty to deafness, without further investigation. Fortunately the facts disclose other causes.

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania:

1. That Section of Act of June 30th, 1919, P. L. 678 be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall be authorized, and full power and authority are hereby given to him to license at his discretion, and upon payment of the lawful fee, any person of the age of sixteen years or over, to be a motor vehicle driver, said Commissioner or his inspectors having first examined said person, and being satisfied of his or her ability as an operator, which examination shall include a test of the knowledge on the part of said persons of such portion of the mechanism of motor vehicles as is necessary, in order to insure the safe operation of a vehicle of the kind or kinds indicated by the applicant, and of the laws and ordinary usages of the road, and the said applicant having demonstrated his or her ability to operate a vehicle of the class designated; and the said Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may, in his discretion, refuse to grant a license to drive motor vehicles to any person, who shall, in the estimation of said Commissioner, be an improper person to be granted such a license; provided, however, that no physical defect of the individual applicant shall debar him or her from receiving a license unless it can be shown by common experience that such defect incapacitates him or her from safely operating a motor vehicle."

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To the humblest and the weakest
'Neath the all-beholding sun,
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And they are slaves most base,
Whose love of right is for themselves,
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PHILADELPHIA.

News items for this column should be sent to James S. Reid, 1535 North Dover Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

It is seldom that we hear of a Court, in addressing a jury, to remind the jurors that where parties at the bar of the Court are deaf, the fact that they are so afflicted, should not weigh in arriving at a just verdict, no matter if the deaf person is complainant or defendant in the case at issue.

In a recent contract case heard in the Court at Philadelphia of Davis vs. Keogh tried before Judge Walsh, and which was won by Mr. W. L. Davis, Judge Walsh struck the right chord so dear to every self-respecting deaf person who shuns sympathy, as will be observed by the following letters exchanged between Mr. Davis and Judge Walsh after the trial:—

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.,
Jan. 11, 1923.

THE HON. JOHN E. WALSH,
Municipal Court,
City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAR JUDGE WALSH:—In connection with the Davis vs. Keogh contract suit heard before you Jan. 8th and 9th, will you please pardon the liberty. I have taken in writing you on a matter that I wish to commend you for.

In your address to the jury you charged them not to take the affliction of myself into account in rendering a verdict. You are correct and I consider that you have paid a distinct compliment to the deaf as a body.

I am connected with the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, which has a membership of over 5500 men scattered all over the country, who would ask for no sympathy in any contest, they may have with their hearing brethren possessed of all their faculties.

Your address to the jury was, therefore, true to our principles, because if we err, we take our punishment and crave no sympathy on account of our deafness.

Mrs. Davis and myself fully intended thanking you personally after the trial, but seeing you busy with another case, take this means of expressing our thanks to you for the fair and impartial treatment we received from the Court.

With very best wishes for your success on the Bench and future elevation, I am

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Wm. L. Davis.

MUNICIPAL COURT,
JOHN E. WALSH, JUDGE.

January 15, 1923.

MR. WM. L. DAVIS,
Overbrook, Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAR SIR:—Permit me to acknowledge your letter of January 11th 1923, and to thank you for your comments therein. I felt sure that both Mrs. Davis and yourself would fully appreciate and understand the thought, which I tried to convey to the jury. I am glad also to know that this principle conforms with the principles of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf with which you are connected.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) JOHN E. WALSH.

Judge Walsh has been on the bench for a comparatively short time, but this is not the first case, in which deaf persons figured that has come before him. In the previous case before him two deaf-mutes, both Hebrews, fought each other, one charging the other with swindling him of a large sum of money. We do not recollect the exact outcome of this case, except that it turned unfavorable to the complainant, who should have won by moral right.

Once again we hear of a deaf person in our midst, who has come to grief over an injudicious investment, involving the loss of hundreds of dollars, possibly thousands. It takes a trained head to make safe investments, but it is not uncommon to find some persons, who think they are smart enough to do their own investments. These invariably get "stung," if we may use that word.

Then also there are those, who think they can save money by buying patent medicines instead of going to a doctor; those who think they can save fees by buying property or a house without a lawyer's services (we ourselves have been asked in two instances to aid persons to buy houses, but in each instance,

we referred the persons to a lawyer or a reputable real estate broker) but perhaps the greatest number are those who foolishly risk their hard earned savings in glittering schemes that promise a high rate of interest, though backed by doubtful and unsafe security. They do not want their friends to know that they have money to invest, and so do not ask their opinion about investments, thinking that some day they may be able to surprise them by their "smartness;" but, alas! these are mostly doomed to bitter disappointment. A true friend would have advised them to take only a safe course, checked wisely action and saved them from financial disaster.

The *Reading Tribune*, February 20th, 1923, contained the following unfortunate accident:

KUTZTOWN, February 19.—Falling down a flight of cellar steps, breaking the leg at the hip, lying unable to attract attention on account of being deaf and dumb and crawling upstairs and securing assistance by pounding on the wall was the plight of Stephen Esser, 84 years old, a well known character of this borough.

A short time before the accident was supposed to have happened, Mr. Esser went across the street and bought some meat for his evening meal. He was about to go to the cellar to get some additional food-stuffs, when he slipped on one of the top steps, plunging to the bottom. How long he remained there Mr. Esser was unable to impart. It is thought, however, that he must have been unconscious some time, as there was quite a lapse between the time he returned to his home and when he managed to attract help.

Crawling back painfully on his side dragging the broken leg, he was after some little time successful in attracting the attention of Mrs. George C. Bordner, wife of Prof. George C. Bordner, who live across a small alley. Mrs. Bordner investigated and found Mrs. Esser on the floor wildly gestulating in an effort to explain his trouble and suffering great pain.

A physician was called in and ordered the man sent to the hospital. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, Reading. On account of his advanced age, it is doubtful if the fractured bones will knit, and if he survives the shock, it is quite probable that he will be bedfast for the remainder of his life.

The victim of the above accident is one of the oldest living former pupils of the old Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, when it was located at historic Broad and Pine Streets. Several times in the past, when speaking of the oldest living graduates of the school, Mr. Esser's name was not recalled, probably because we had seen him on so few occasions. He has been a bachelor all his life, and at the time of the accident, was living alone. We do not remember exactly what business he had been following for a living, but he was his own housekeeper, cook, "seamster," and got along so well that he made a reputation and was often called upon to cook for special occasions, and at camp meetings when his services were needed. He is in a pitiable plight now, with bare prospects of recovery at his advanced age; but it is a relief to know that friends of his hometown are looking after him now. A well liked character never lacks friends in misfortune, and we sincerely hope that Mr. Esser will be made as comfortable as possible in his remaining years of life.

Another sad accident to a deaf mute, that happened in January and was reported in the *Reading Times*, has just been brought to our attention. Here it is:—

HARRISBURG, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Lewis Rosenmund, 60, a mute and almost helplessly crippled from death this morning in the yard of her home near Midlin.

Mrs. Rosenmund arose early and prepared her husband's breakfast. He left for work at 6 o'clock. Other members of the family, six sons and three daughters, all mutes, were still asleep when Mrs. Rosenmund went into the yard.

She slipped and her crutch fell beyond her reach. With the temperature within five degrees of zero, she lay on the ground for an hour, when one of her sons, awaking and missing his mother started a search for her.

When he found her, she was still alive, and smiled at him. The son lifted her in his arms and kissed her. Within a few minutes she was dead.

From all we know, the Reverend Franklin C. Smielau, in addition to his onerous duties as Missionary to the Deaf of Central and Western Pennsylvania, and therefore with his time largely preoccupied in the Church work, is just now leading the deaf of Pennsylvania in a courageous fight against that part of the Motor Law which they feel discriminates unjustly against them. Our Legislature is in session now and will remain in session only a few months more, so the time to fight is now, and it must be a quick, hard, snappy fight at the most. We are up against great odds, though the fight is not hopeless.

Mr. Smielau officially represents the Pennsylvania Society for the

Advancement of the Deaf and every other organization or individual in the State unofficially. As such, he must have backing and pushing. Sympathy counts for nothing unless it is accompanied by a contribution of dollars and cents. So there should be "a pull, a long pull and a pull all together."

The JOURNAL representative was not drafted into this fight until he had proceeded so far with this letter, so, with the limited space at his command(?) he can not say much now; but the kind of fight that is being waged is admirably prevented in an article in the *Selinsgrove Times* by Rev. M. Smielau.

We would call the attention of the deaf of Pennsylvania to the coming Conference of Highway Commissioners from all over the U. S., which meets at Harrisburg, March 23d-24th, to discuss and adopt uniform motor rules. It is therefore very urgent that the deaf of each State use every effort in their power, and within their means to have the delegates to this Conference so advised that they will not place such unjust restrictions upon the deaf as we have in our Pennsylvania law. The new Bill introduced in our Legislature by Senator Fletcher W. Stites, of Narberth, Montgomery County, is more drastic than the one passed in 1919, for it construes the 2 per cent of normal hearing to mean, "ability to distinguish words spoken by the speaker at least one foot behind the deaf person." To any thinking person, this law, then takes on an uncongenial aspect.

It concerns the deaf as a class, and therefore they should in unison fight the unjust provision vigorously, not lay down like dumb cattle waiting to be slaughtered himself, which we expect to appear in last issue, and to which we refer all interested readers. Those who are willing to send a contribution, and we hope there are many such, may send it to Harry E. Stevens, P. O. Box 81, Merchantville, N. J., who is the authorized collector in the East. Next week we may have more to say on this subject.

A friend kindly sent us the sad news of the death of another old graduate of the Pennsylvania Institution whom we knew and for whom we had great respect. He was wholly unknown to the young generation of deaf, except those in his neighborhood, but he lived a quiet, good life and enjoyed the respect of all who knew him, which of itself is an enviable reputation to have.

The town paper reported the death as follows:—

Frank Faust, aged 81 years, died last evening, February 16, at his home on Railroad Street, Girardville. Death was due to a complication of diseases from which he suffered for the past three years.

The deceased was well known and enjoyed a large circle of friends. He is survived by his widow, three sons, John, of Chicago; William, Girardville, and Earl, at home; two daughters, Mrs. T. J. Berkeiser, of Lebanon, and Mrs. Horace Needhammer, of Philadelphia.

The funeral took place from his home, on February 20th, at 1:30 o'clock. Services were conducted by the Rev. A. C. Otto, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The funeral was largely attended and the floral offerings many and beautiful. After the services the cortege proceeded by automobile to the Fountain Springs Cemetery, where interment was made. The pall bearers all relatives of the deceased were: Raymond and George Nattress, Austin and Bert Kaufman, of Gordon, and Willard and Harry Price, of Frackville. Undertaker Reich, of Girardville, had charge of the funeral.

Mrs. Faust was a classmate, and still is on an intimate friend of Mrs. Reider. With her daughter, Mrs. H. Needhammer, she called on the Reider family on the last two visits she made to Philadelphia. Mrs. Needhammer was formerly a nurse, and later married an architect. She is easy with the sign-language, having learned its use, like many other children of deaf parents, as a duckling learns to swim. It was therefore, enjoyable to be able to converse with her so naturally.

Mrs. W. C. Smith was taken sick recently with a touch of pneumonia, but we are glad to say that her illness was successfully checked and that she is recovering and almost well again.

Mr. Moses E. Josephs, of Brooklyn, N. Y., came to Philadelphia last Friday to visit relatives of the latter. Mr. Josephs attended the Frat meeting in the evening and made a little complimentary speech. They returned home on the following Monday morning.

Mr. Lloyd Berg, son of Mr. Albert Berg, of Indianapolis, Ind., and a teacher at the Mt. Airy School, in company with his charming wife, made his first appearance at the rooms of the Cleric Literary Association on Thursday evening, March 1. After the Lenten service, Mr. Berg, by previous arrangement, delivered current events before the Association. He is not the equal of his worthy father in sign delivery, neither did he seem like a novice, for it was easy to understand him. In appreciation, he was tendered a vote of thanks for his service. By the

way, Mr. Berg deserves one more credit for having outtopped every one at the meeting.

The Rev. Dr. Charles B. DuBell, of St. Johns P. E. Church, Camden, N. J., conducted the Lenten service at All Souls' on Thursday evening, March 1.

He spoke orally, of course, while Mr. Lipsett's son, Mr. Joseph E., who is now also a Lay-Reader, interpreted the service through out in signs. Before commencing his address, Dr. Du Bell gave renewed expression of the pleasure the recent gift of his deaf friends gave him, and told how his call to St. Simon's Church, 9th and Lehigh, came to pass and that he would assume charge there immediately after Easter Sunday, when the deaf will be welcome to see him there. He then preached from the Bible text which compares the Devil to a roaring lion. He spoke rapidly and earnestly, giving apt and touching illustrations, and in short, it was an inspiring service.

Although Rev. Dr. Du Bell has an engagement for Maundy Thursday (March 29th) he kindly, promised, upon request, to make other arrangements so as to be able to come to All Souls' on March 29th to celebrate Holy Communion, because All Souls' own Pastor is disabled by illness. This ought to be good news to the Protestant deaf, and we hope they will eagerly attend this service. Tell all your deaf friends about it.

COMING EVENTS

March 17.—Local Branch Meeting, All Souls' Hall.

March 23-24.—Fair at All Souls' Parish House.

March 25.—Maundy Thursday, Celebration of Holy Communion at All Souls' Church, by Rev. Dr. C. B. DuBell, of St. Johns' Church, Camden, N. J., 7:45 P. M. All welcome.

March 30.—Good Friday.—Service at All Souls' by Rev. F. C. Smielau, 7:45 P. M. All welcome.

March 31.—Lecture at All Souls' Parish House by Rev. F. C. Smielau for benefit of next winter's coal supply for Church.

April 1.—Easter Service at All Souls' Church, Rev. F. C. Smielau officiating.

Gallaudet College.

The students were given a treat that comes once in a life time when that general Mr. W. G. Jones, of Fanwood and New York, gave a reading under the auspices of the Literary Society, Friday evening, in the chapel.

Mr. Jones' topic was "The Bells," a play of Henry Irving's. While giving the reading in signs, Mr. Jones acted the part of "Matthias," the leading character in the story. Words fail us in our effort to describe the reading, it was superb. The Society could not have made a better choice for the occasion.

After the reading a reception was held in Mr. Jones' honor in which all the students met him.

Although a graduate of '76, Mr. Jones seemed as happy and frisky as a fresbie returning to college after his Prep year.

He remained over Saturday night to attend the fraternity banquet. We hope he can return again to delight us with another lecture. For men, who take pleasure in this work, like Mr. Jones does are sure to please their audience.

John P. Boatwright, '24, of South Carolina, has been chosen captain of basketball ball team for 1923-24. The choice was unanimous as Boat's spirit and gameness easily make him the best qualified man for the job.

The Co-eds lost their last basketball game of the season when they took on the Eastern College team from Virginia. This team is one of the best in that State and completely outclassed our team. The score was 27 to 14.

Miss Emma Sandberg, the ace of the Co-ed team, was ill, and of course this handicapped the team. Miss Sandberg is good for 20 points or so all by herself.

EASTERN		GALLAUDET	
Bell	F.	Dobson	
Wolfe	F.	Kaupapell	
Crowne	C.	Newton	
Schaefer	S.	Moss	
Lunsford	G.	Rogers	
Nickles	G.	Clemens	

Times of halves 20 minutes each.
Referee Mr. Haas.

The Buffs and Blues will play their annual game on the afternoon of the fourteenth.

Mr. Leonard M. Elstad is coaching the baseball team and has his men going fine. The weather is still too cold for him to turn them loose. A. M. Long, a professional player with the Waterbury team of the Eastern League is practicing daily with our boys and is making it pretty hot for them with his peppy snappy playing. This should help the boys a lot.

The first game is scheduled for March 28th with Maryland. Games are also booked with Catholic University, Fairly Hall M. A., St. Johns, Johns Hopkins, Blue Ridge, Penn Military College and Drexel Institute (away). And the Quantico Marines (2 games).

Miss Elizabeth Peet delighted the members of the Speech Reading Club with a reading "The Spectre Bridegroom" by Washington Irving, on

the evening of March the sixth. There was a nice crowd out to hear her.

Louis H. Aronovitz, '23, of Pineville, Ky., was called home Sunday night by the serious illness of his mother. Since he is manager of the baseball team he will be sorely missed. Our sympathy goes with him.

The Kappa Gamma Banquet on the night of the tenth was a most successful and pleasant event.

Messrs. W. G. Jones, of New York; K. H. Stevens, of Trenton; C. R. Dobbins and H. J. Stegmerten, of Baltimore, were here for the affair.

The Gallaudet Chapter of the Y. W. C. A. was invited to a supper at the "Y" on F Street, N. W., on the evening of the ninth. About thirty-five girls accepted and report a wonderful time.

This was the annual joint-meeting of the various chapters of the Y. W. C. A. of Washington.

On Saturday afternoon following the George Washington Chapter at the "Y" refreshments of ice-cream and cakes were served. Those who could attend enjoyed themselves immensely.

Each chapter gave their yell. Miss Sandberg led for our chapter. Miss Edna Wright entertained the crowd with a short dance.

The Phi Alpha Sigma recently invited Messrs. L. M. Elstad, N. of Minnesota, Harry Baynes, '23, of Maryland, and Louis Pucci, of D. C., into the fraternity. The following names make up the fraternity roll.

Professors Day and Allison, Prentiss Lucado, '23, of Tennessee, Robert Werdig, '23, of D. C., Lawrence Randall, ex-'23, of Florida, Marius Santin, '24, of Connecticut, John Kirby, '24, of New York, Roger Williams, '24, of Ohio, George Brookins, '26, of Oregon, John Wallace, '26, of Washington, Victor Knauss, '26, of Ohio and John S. Reed, '26, of Nebraska.

Elaborate Entertainment Planned For March 17th.

Married or unmarried and no place to go, March 17th?

Very well. We will put you wise. The Jersey City Division of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf believes that a great many of the deaf are tied down to a humdrum existence, simply because no one seems to care to put them into jolly, harmonious body and help them to spruce up and get some wholesome enjoyment exactly to their liking.

Jersey City Division, No. 91, has given careful consideration to the above and planned a vaudeville entertainment and dance for Saturday evening, (St. Patrick's Night) March 17th, at the People's Palace, Bergen Avenue and Forrest Street, Jersey City.

The Division is bending all its energies towards presenting a vaudeville entertainment and dance that will come up to the exactions and expectations of the most fastidious deaf and everyone else who graces the affair with his presence.

Maurice, the man of the hour, will start the ball a-rolling with his slight-of-hand tricks and other mysteries, magical. Then next comes the petite Le Tour Twins from Keith's circuit with their dancing specialty. After this, Leon Brothers will be the cynosure of all eyes and drive away the blues with their "funniest act in vaudeville."

Miss Swan Woods, a headliner direct from the Winter Garden, New York, will be on hand in all her dazzling splendor and thrill you with her dancing in the spotlight.

Last, but not least, cute little May Labell will give an exhibition of toe and fancy dancing.

After the show "on with the dancing" until the band strikes up "Home, sweet Home."

The music will be unsurpassed and everybody is going to enjoy the affair from the moment the curtain rises at 8.30 p.m. until it's time to wend your way homeward.

The Division is to present a handsome fraternal ring to the President of the Division having the largest representation at this affair.

For a guide to get on the right bus and ride direct to the People's Palace from the Summit Avenue Tube Station, Jersey City, printed signs reading thus: "This bus passes the People's Palace" will be shown in the front of buses. Come one, Come all. CHARLES HUMMER.

Inter-State Basketball

On March 1st, the Kansas School for the Deaf basketball team invaded Iowa to play its 2d annual game basketball game with the Iowa Deaf School Hawkeyes. It was the same quietest with the exception of only one that beat the Iowans last year.

The Iowans were composed of all new members and although it is their first year as regular members they did creditable work for they held the powerful Kansas to a 8-8 tie score during the first half. The following day the Kansans crossed the Muddy and played the Nebraskans at Omaha—coming out of the fray with the short end of 13-12 score. At the end of the first half it was 8-2 with the Kansans leading. In the second half the Nebraskans made a great spirit and with only one minute left they made a pretty goal from the center of the floor, which gave them an one point lead and the game.

CHICAGO.

LOOP WORKERS SEE AUTO RUN DOWN MAN

A police automobile driven by Chauffeur Patrick J. Kennedy of the Detective Bureau struck James Thompson, 50, of 103d St. and Torrence Ave., and inflicted probably fatal injuries before the eyes of early loop workers at Randolph St. and Michigan Ave.

Thompson, an employe of the Morton Salt Company, was crossing Michigan Ave. eastward, when the police car came speeding north. The chauffeur was alone and was going for Lient. John Ryan at 1718 North Shore Ave.

When he saw Thompson in his path, he put on the brakes, but the car skidded, struck the man and swung onto the sidewalk.

The victim was hurled about twenty feet by the force of the impact, witnesses said. H. E. Frost, 1763 N. Wells St., passing in a car, took Thompson to St. Luke's Hospital. His skull was fractured.

The rear wheel of the police car was smashed when it skidded over the curb and up on to the sidewalk to the building line. Chauffeur Kennedy after the accident reported to the detective bureau.—*Chicago American*.

Thompson is a deaf mute.

Score another for Coach S. Robey Burns of our State School in Jacksonville. The following letter from George Huff—director of athletics at the University of Illinois, and one of the greatest luminaries in American athletic circles—is self explanatory:

"I am in receipt of your invitation to speak at your banquet on March 23d, and appreciate the invitation very much, indeed. Because of the lack of time it has been necessary for me to decline quite a number of similar invitations, but I am going to make an exception in this case and accept because I am so much interested in the work that you are doing in the Illinois School for the Deaf."

The annual meeting of the Washington Park Silent Tennis Club was preceded by a small "banquet" at the Sac on the 4th. The election resulted: President, Isadore Newman; Secretary, Ernest Craig; Treasurer, Herman Witte. Newman is the causal player who won the silver cup in the Sac tennis tournament last fall.

The monthly meeting of Sac bond holders on the 4th was followed by a spirited debate on the justice of French invasion of the Ruhr. This evinced the most careful preparation and forceful presentation of argument of any silent debate here in years and years. Participants were Barrow, Hinch, Neiter, Johnnie Sullivan, Roberts and Henry. You have to hand it to the Pas-a-Pas Club for gallantry and courtesy. They originally scheduled a dance for February 24. Later on the Sac selected this date for that lecture by the founder of the N. A. D.—Robert MacGregor of Columbus. Not to conflict with the date of that Grand Old War horse, the Pas-a-Pas thereon postponed their dance until March 24th. Splendid spirit.

We apologize. We retract. We take it back. It was a mistake. The John Proberts did not go into exile in little Canton, Ohio, after all. Not they. It is true they so intended, and so their shoe store in Madison, Wis., but passing through our happy hamlet they "be thought" them of stopping-over and seeing if maybe, possibly, perhaps jobs were as easily obtained and as remunerative here as in Canton. Result: The Proberts are now fixtures as Chicago residents. Sound the glad cymbals and beat the tom-toms. (P. S.—They gotta ear.)

George Ross, debonaire Bean Brummel of the Sac, worked one week as extra at frat headquarters during the rush, then grabbed his pay and bought a ticket for Detroit, with the laudable intention of hunting a job.

Here it is not even spring, yet already has Morton Henry taken over half a dozen trips out to the Dunes, an hour's rail ride away on the Indiana shore of Lake Michigan—a wonderformation of sand vegetation, which will probably become a National park shortly. Every man has his hobby. But what a superb-soul like our frat division president—a bonus-brained youth—can see in the wind swept reaches of "the country Gaud forgot" puzzleeth his friends. For in other respects Henry is perfectly normal.

Young Harry Keasal managed a successful "bunco party" at the Sac on the 31st. There were 29 tables. The profit came in the raffles, which followed the bunco, about \$50 being cleared.

Chester McKissic, Buffton, Ind., is taking the course at the Merchantal Lino type school here.

Nathaniel Horwitz, Lafayette, Ind., is studying dental mechanist at the McCarrie School, Lake and Dearborn. This youngster has a future before him, it seems. About the best and highest-priced dentist in Cincinnati is a deaf oralist, Arthur Clancy by name. The sight of deaf men essaying the more difficult professions is an inspiration to us all.

F. Meinken gave an address before the colored silents at their clubrooms—Silent Unity Club—on the 4th, some forty colored folks attending.

Friends of Amory, the oral Nubob, gave him a surprise birthday party on the 4th.

Mrs. Johnnie Sullivan's parents were her guests at "the Castle" the past week.

Ed. Hetzel, of Detroit, spent two days in town, billing and cooling with his fair fiancée Mademoiselle Marie Tanzar.

It is reported the Tilley left California on the 5th, to visit the Missus' old home in Decatur, Ill. The *Tribune* of March 3d had a four column pictures of "Deaf boy scouts enjoy visit to *Tribune* plant—Troop 811 of the Boy Scouts of America, all of them members of the Alexander Graham Bell school at 3730 N. Oakley Ave.," etc.

Phillip Reilly and wife have been in town for some time. They left Minneapolis October 2d, driving around the country selling nations from the rear of their Ford. They plan to resume their country travels in the spring, possibly attending the N. A. D. convention in Atlanta.

Among several suffering from "flu" lately were R. Ronntree, Gus Hyman, and the writer.

Dates ahead: March 17—St. Patrick's parties at both Sac and Pas. 24—Dance at Pas. 31—Lecture at Pas by C. S. Morrison, ex-Supt. of the Missouri School. April 28—C. A. D. Box Social and Penny Carnival at All Angels'.

THE MEACHERS.

ALTOONA, PA.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McIntire celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary on the evening of February 9th, by entertaining their friends at their home, 607 East Grant Avenue. The happy couple was showered with useful gifts.

A George Washington's Birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buterbaugh, 319 Beech Avenue, on the evening of February 22d. Those present were: Mrs. Nary E. Fillyaw, or Fayer-ville, N. C.; Miss Grace Buterbaugh, of Marion Center; G. Saunders and Walter Coanstock, of Gallitzin; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McIntire and child, Mr. and Mrs. David Singerman and children, Mr. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Saylor and children, Mrs. A. Richman and child, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Curtin, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brookbank, Miss Catherine Robinson, Miss Helen Megahon, and C. A. Chatham.

C. E. Saylor was awarded a box of delicious fudge as a prize for naming the greatest number of U. S. Presidents in order. Miss Grace Buterbaugh won a prize of a beautiful pin cushion for spelling the most words from the name of "George Washington." In the George Washington portrait sketching contest, Mrs. E. W. Brookbank won first prize, a box of delicious fudge and Mrs. J. R. McIntire, second, a little cute pin cushion. G. Saunders won a first prize, a box of candy, cherries and fudge, for guessing the nearest correct answer for the number of candy cherries, a little hand-painted, "stamp" case.

Mrs. David Singerman secured a prize of a beautiful pin-cushion in a puzzle advertisement contest. Delicious refreshments were served and at a late hour the guests departed, reporting a fine time.

A surprise birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brookbank, of Juniata, in honor of Mrs. Geo. Curtin on the evening of February 24th. It was managed by Mr. Geo. Curtin.

A beautiful birthday cake, oblong, about 18 inches long and 4 inches wide and also beautiful fancy designs, and at the top had an inscription "Birthday Greeting, 1923," and cocoa, candies, etc., were enjoyed by the friends, and also games played. Mrs. Curtin received several useful gifts. At near midnight the guests went home having had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buterbaugh went to Pittsburgh on the evening of February 24th to attend a banquet, and

NEW YORK.

News items for this column should be sent direct to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, Station M, New York.
A few words of information in a letter or postal card is sufficient. We will do the rest.

The following clipping is taken from a recent issue of a daily paper:

She Looked to be about fifteen years old, and at once timid and brave. A modest girl, but with a mind of her own. I saw her in the corridor of the Domestic Relations Court. She was accompanied by an elderly couple who, I judged, were her father and mother. She walked between them. led them to a seat and advanced alone to have a word with the attendant. "My mother," said the girl, lodged a complaint against my father. She is here today to withdraw that complaint. We do not want anything done about it."*** It appeared to be a busy hour. She was directed to take a seat and wait until called. Presently the father and mother were signalled to come forward. The girl arose with them and headed for the entrance to the court. In accordance with a rule of the court she was informed that she must wait outside. "But" she protested, "I must speak for my parents." "Let your parents speak for themselves," advised the clerk. "They can't," said the girl. The incident was becoming tiresome. "well," said the clerk, "you just let them do the best they can." I could see that the girl was quite distressed. She wanted to do as she was told, but—she plucked up courage and made a final attempt. "Please, Miss," she said, "my parents are deaf and dumb." "Oh" said the clerk, "why didn't you say so?"

DEAF-MUTE'S UNION LEAGUE

The first entertainment of the year at the rooms of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League, in the nature of a whist party, came off last Saturday evening, March 10th, and was one of the best held there for some time. Only members and ladies were present, thus the rooms was not so crowded as when admission was charged, and outsiders admitted.

The prize winners were: Ladies—Miss Gertrude Lefkowitz, first prize; Mrs. I. Salomon, second prize; Gentlemen—Mr. Joseph C. Sturtz, first prize and Mr. Biaowitz, second prize.

There was a door prize, and the lucky one was Mr. Arthur C. Bachrach. He received a box of candies, which he at once gave to his better half, who was among those present. Ice cream and cake a plenty was served to all.

It was after one o'clock before the party broke up.

The Committee, Messrs. Joseph Abramowitz, Adl Flegenheimer and Abe Hymes are to be congratulated on the outcome of their first attempt at entertaining, and here's hoping they do better and better at all the rest of the entertainments they will give under the auspices of the League during the year 1923.

THE K. L. D.

The March meeting of the L. L. D. was held Saturday evening, the 10th in its room in the Johnston Building, Brooklyn. The steady increase in membership overcrowded the room and it may soon be necessary to secure larger quarters.

A picnic is to be held on Saturday, August 11th, at Ulmer Park, Brooklyn. The Council has to pay \$100 for the use of the park, which was given free in pre Volstead days.

The Athletic Committee is busy getting up a baseball team, which promises to be able to compete with first class semi-professional teams. A track team is also in the making.

The girls basketball team was photographed by Pach lately. It is to be regretted that the twelve members were not on hand. The picture, however, shows the girls in their war paint. They have a male instructor to teach them the fine points of the game in the Carroll Club gym. By the time the fall season opens, they expect to be able to meet out-side teams.

The men's basketball team is also practicing steadily. Later on there will be more news about this team.

XAVIER ALLIED NOTES

Before a large assembly of Ephiphans President Jere Fives, of the X. E. S. acted as proxy for Rev. Father Egan, at the March meeting. Father Egan was suffering with muscular "Flu," which became so severe hospital treatment was necessary shortly after the meeting had adjourned.

Honest to goodness the X. E. S. president held attention. Among other announcements was March 29, Palm Sunday, "Stations of the Cross in lower church; Mass and Communion an Easter Sunday, in X. S. A. chapel; Mission by Rev. Daniel Higgins, April 15th to 21st. General reception by all the deaf to Rev. Missioner, at Xavier School Hall, Sunday evening, March 21st. The Mission, as usual, will be under X. E. S. auspices, and a Ladies' Auxiliary, headed by Miss Nora Joyce, will arrange for the public reception to Father Higgins.

DETROIT.

News items for this column, and new subscriptions to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, will be received by R. V. Jones, 2147 Lycaeste Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

The Detroit Times says Editorially, commenting on "What to read, and How to Read":—"When a human being reads a book the important thing in the operation is not the book, but the brain that reads it. The reading of the book is useless if it only fills the mind without producing results.

The person who reads like a sponge sucks up water, is useless to themselves and to others. Whatever you read, try to read the truth, and above all things seek to accumulate facts. By facts we do not mean dates in history, or chemical formulas, or meaningless lists of names, but important facts, those that suggest fresh thought to the mind and stimulate its activity.

The same book may start one man to the accumulation of a fortune and inspire another to an unselfish life of public service.

The reading of a single fact, that more than four million of human beings work constantly in the mines of this world, will make a million readers see it in a million different ways. One, perhaps, will see the social side, and think of the sufferings of those who never see the sun, while another will simply think of the amount of money so many men and women must dig out of the earth.

Another will be moved to write an interesting play or novel founded upon the lives beneath the ground, while still another will devote his energies to perfecting machinery to enable these millions of human beings to do their work without going beneath the earth's surface.

It is with this fact as with all others. By itself it contains nothing. Everything depends on the brain which reads it.

Whatever you read, try to find the truth, either in books or your own thinking, and remember that in reading your own thinking is ten thousand times as important to you, as is what you read."

Frank Holbrook, has purchased a new Franklin Sedan, but girls don't all rush at once.

Messrs. Daniel Turrill and Ken. McKenzie left for Chicago February 27th, to work at their trades as carpenters, on one of the Windy City's big contract jobs.

The Masquerade Ball given by the D. A. D. at the Elks Temple recently, was a success financially, though the attendance was under the average, on account of it being Lent.

Mrs. Scott Knapp and daughter, of Jackson, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Brown of this city recently.

Mr. Robert Baird is again among us, as he recently returned from Minneapolis, Minn., on account of work giving out there. He has secured a job at the American Body Company, and expects his wife and baby to join him here some time this week, providing the home doctor thinks it safe for the baby to travel from Racine to Detroit.

The baby has been suffering with whooping cough since January 1st. In a recent letter to this column, I stated that Mr. John Walter was convalescing from an operation for appendicitis, but that it was found he did not have the disease at all, but Mrs. Walter very politely informed me that I had lost my bearings and had got turned around. So I cheerfully make the correction. Mr. Walter did have appendicitis, but did not have an operation as it was removed.

Mrs. H. B. Waters gave a very impressive service last Sunday from the text: "He has set my feet up on a rock, and established the ways of my going."

There was a large attendance, and the outlook grows brighter for the Mission right along.

The Clover Club met at the home of Mrs. John Hellers on Wednesday afternoon, February 28th, and had their usual game of cards and other contests, after which refreshments were served. Each guest received a dainty little basket of sweets.

Mrs. Edward Ball carried away the first prize, a beautiful spraying bottle for perfume, while Mrs. Charles Sadofski captured 2d prize, which was a fine rag for the bath room, and Mrs. H. B. Waters got a deck of playing cards as third prize.

Mrs. Charles Brown and Mrs. Blanche Jones visited friends in Pontiac the first of the month.

The mass meeting of the deaf at the G. A. R. Hall, was a howling success in every way. The hall was packed to the doors and overflowed into the hallway.

Chairman Heymansson introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Mr. Geo. F. Tripp, of Flint, after Mrs. C. C. Colby had rendered "Soldiers of the Cross," and Mrs. Nellie Kenney had recited "America."

Mr. Tripp gave a clear and comprehensive explanation of the objects and aims of the Michigan Association of the Deaf, and his idea of forming Chapter in the large centers for the purpose of ultimately attaining a \$10,000.00 Welfare Fund to be used in the interests of the deaf of the State, in

fighting adverse laws that discriminated against the deaf.

He also stated that Flint had something over a hundred members in their chapter, while chapters were, or were about to be established in Kalamazoo, Lansing and other deaf centers.

He was followed by Mr. W. K. Liddy, of Windsor, who said that notwithstanding the fact that he was a Canadian, he was with us, heart, mind and pocket-book, and gave us some thought producers that brought good results.

Mrs. Kenny, Ryan, Heymansson, Jones, Ozier, Mrs. Colby and others took the floor in turn, and enthusiasm mounted higher and higher till finally Mr. Claude Ozier started the financial ball a rolling with a check for five dollars.

Mr. Heymansson was chosen temporary chairman and Mr. Ozier temporary secretary, and the meeting proceeded to enroll a membership to the Detroit Chapter, M. A. D. Thirty-two dollars was collected in membership fees, and \$10.66 was contributed to the Welfare Fund, and Detroit is now on the map with 43 members.

The time being so late, the meeting adjourned till April 8th, when they will meet again at same place, and proceed to elect executive officers. All who have not joined had better come in out of the "wet," for it may "rain" some day, and you will need protection.

Don't forget the date, April 8, at G. A. R. Hall on Grand River, near Detroit Creamery.

The Rainbow Club had their regular game on February 23d, at the home of Mrs. Delbert Johnson, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion of Washington's birthday, with cherry tree trimmings, and cherry jello was served each guest in a small wine glasses, as the sumptuous luncheon that the hospitable Mrs. Johnson had prepared. Some of the guests mistook the jello for rich red wine, and started to drink it to, the delight and merriment of those who knew what it was.

Mrs. R. V. Jones took home a fine aluminum perculator as first prize, while Mrs. Ralph Huhn won second prize, which was a glass mustard cup and spoon, while Mrs. H. B. Waters took home an imitation cherry-tree log, filled with candy, as third prize.

The guests enjoyed themselves until a late hour, and all departed for home happy in the thought that Mrs. Johnson was a fine hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson gave a surprise birthday party in honor of Mrs. Henderson's sister, Matilda Betzler, at their home, on Russell Street, Sunday afternoon and evening, March 4th.

There were about forty people present, and after enjoying a good luncheon, and presenting the surprised Matilda with many pretty and useful presents, they all started in to have a good time, till a late hour, when all departed for home well pleased.

R. V. Jones addressed the Sunday afternoon meeting of the Ephpheta Mission on February 25th, expanding the sermon of Rev. Dr. Jowett on "The Love that must Dominate." There were thirty-four members present, which shows that the interest is increasing, and the attendance growing.

ROBERT V. JONES.

A Wedding in Los Angeles.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Edw. Schmiedemann, 3932 South Main Street, Los Angeles, Cal., at 6:30 P.M., February 14th. Pearl Lavinia Schmiedemann and Ralph Waldo Copp, were united in marriage by Rev. Clarence Webb, using the sign language as both bride and groom are deaf. The bride's birthplace is Lake Mills, Wis., and the groom is very well known in Oakland, Cal., his birthplace. The bride wore a dress of orange crepe de chine, beaded in gold, with a corsage of Russell roses.

Mrs. J. B. Tennent, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid and F. D. Schmiedemann, brother of the bride, took the role of bestman. After the ceremony a bountiful supper awaited the wedding party. The decorations were in red and white, serving for both occasions, the wedding having occurred on St. Valentine's Day. The happy couple received many beautiful gifts. The wedding guests were as follows. Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lange, uncle and aunt of the bride, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Ella B. Mack and daughter, Rosalie, Long Beach, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reynolds and sons, Robert and Clyde, Mrs. Fitzgerald and daughter, Dahlia, Miss Ruth Segbarth, and Mrs. J. B. Tennent and F. D. Schmiedemann Taft, California.

On February 23d, a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar P. Schulz. Both mother and baby doing nicely. The youngster is to be named Waldemar Glynn Schulz in honor of both mother and dad. Mrs. W. P. Schulz was formerly Miss Grace Glynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Glynn.

"Better Times" reaches 325-mark—The 325 performance of "Better Times" at the New York Hippodrome was given on Saturday night, March 10th.

FANWOOD.

The children in the various Kindergarten classes of the school had a Floral Display in the Main Corridor of the School Building on last Friday afternoon. The flowers shown were those which had been grown from bulbs placed in glasses of water by the children and tenderly cared for and watched by them for a few weeks. There were tulips, hyacinths, jonquils and narcissus, and the little tots were justly proud of the success which had accompanied their efforts.

Considerable enthusiasm has been aroused among the children by the Friday afternoon entertainments inaugurated by Mrs. Fox for the Kindergarten Department. At these the children have been shown young dogs and other animals, being given a little talk on their traits, etc., and the children allowed to ask questions. Another source of delight has been the aquarium of gold fish. The children never tire watching them.

At noon on Tuesday, a registering carrier pigeon flew into Miss Alice Judge's room, during the snowstorm. It was discovered that he was slightly lame and all tired out. After the children had seen the pigeon, it was taken over to the office, where it was fed and kept until Wednesday noon. In the meantime, Mr. Gardner had received word from the New York Zoological Society at Bronx Park, that according to the markings on a little metal ring which was around the leg of the pigeon—1923—1273, that it was the property of a Mr. Harry Leyh, of Jeanette, Pa. After the bird had taken its flight, we wrote a letter to Mr. Leyh, explaining the circumstances and requesting him to let us know whether or not the bird arrived safely. We also enclosed a note from Miss Judge, which she had written on a tiny slip of paper to be attached to the pigeon, but as he had no carrier tube, Mr. Gardner thought it best not to impede its flight by even this slight weight.

The following is a syndicate story sent out broadcast by the Associated Press. The young lady in question graduated from this Institution last June:

Dictating to a deaf and dumb stenographer is almost as easy to James D. Hamilton, Secretary of State, as the spoken form. In his Albany office he signals his letters to Miss Thursa LaMour, 17.

Miss LaMour, after learning stenography, went from office to office in Albany, bearing a slip of paper on which was written:

"Can you give me work at stenography?"

An effort is being made to place Miss LaMour on the State pay roll, she having worked, so far, "for the experience."

The following clipping is from Miami Herald:

Frederick Parker, a graduate of the Fanwood School for Deaf-Mutes, is busily engaged in making road signs—twelve of them, for one of the Hollywood citizens. Artistic in their simplicity, they manifest a finished skill which argues well for the ability to concentrate. Mr. Parker is the son of Mrs. J. B. Murray, one of the Hollywood Women's Club most active and progressive members.

Many connected with the Institution, officials, as well as pupils received post-cards from Mr. Edwin A. Hodgeson, the Instructor of Printing here, who is now in Bermuda, and enjoying the mid summer climate of that English resort. He says he is feeling fine.

Prof. William G. Jones left for Washington, D. C., on Friday morning, to deliver a lecture before the "Lit" of Gallaudet College at Kendall Green. The next day he was present at the Kappa Gamma's Banquet.

Principal Gardner left for Albany on Tuesday evening, March 6th, to attend to legislative matters affecting the deaf and the blind. He returned to the Institution on Thursday, the 8th.

On Thursday, March 8th, Miss Mabel Wood was given a surprise party in honor of her birthday by her friends in the dining-room.

SPORTS

On Thursday, March 8th, at 4:15 P.M., the pupils were excited to see the basketball game between the "Muriels" and "Mollies," hotly contested in the gymnasium court. In the first half it was very thrilling, speed and teamwork was a factor, the score was tied 0 to 0. In the second period the "Mollies" triumphed over the "Muriels," 7 to 6. Captain Mollie Getsdorf starred for the winning team. Captain Ethel M. Brenneisen starred on the losing team.

Cadet First Sergeant Joseph Krassner was the Champion chess-player for five years. On Friday, the 9th inst., he lost his title by being defeated by Cadet Musician Irving Epstein in a long and excited game. Cadet Irving Epstein is now the Champion chess player.

On the 4th inst., Cadet Lieutenant Arthur Jensen, the well-

known champion skater here, went to practice on the ice at the 180th Indoor Skating Rink for a race the next day. He was introduced to Mr. Joe Moore, the Champion Amateur Skater, by his deaf friend, who came from Canada. Joe said that he expected that Arthur would win the race. The next day he would have won the race, but unfortunately he fell down. He expects to try again next week.

Three of the boys here competed in the 75 yards dash in the St. Anselm's Athletic Club's games, which were held at the 7th Regiment Armory, Park Avenue and 67th Street, last Saturday. They are Cadets Yager, Fox and Donnelly.

On March 17th, the Senior Basketball team will go to Cornwall, N. Y., to play the New York Military Academy.

In the games to be held at the 22d Regiment Armory, Broadway and 168th Street, on March 17th, under the auspices of the Morningside Athletic Club, will be a team from this school, entered in the one mile relay race. The team is composed of Cadets Fox, Garrick, Yager, and Cairano.

On March 16th, the Basketball team of the New Jersey School for the Deaf, will be here to play as a return game.

The Hartford Basketball team is due to come here on March 23d.

Base Ball Note—Spring is almost here. The professional clubs are already in the South, training for the forthcoming league contest to begin about the middle of April. Cadet Frederick Donnelly, the Captain of the Fanwood Baseball Club would like to begin early to put the boys under severe training, but as Easter vacation begins on March 28th, he has decided to wait till they return on April 9th before ordering them to practice daily for the match games that are mapped out from then till the close of school in June.

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March 20, 1923—The JOURNAL'S Correspondent, T. C. Mueller, who has been furnishing the news from the northwestern corner of the United States for a year or more has changed his abode to the Southwestern part near Santa Barbara, California. We shall doubtless hear him soon describing the loveliness and beauty of the country down there and telling about the "Buckeyes," he has met there. Theodore is some traveler and well acquainted with the western slope of the country.

The Dayton deaf have organized a baseball club. Mr. W. C. Hufnield, hearing man, is the manager and Mr. Weston is the backer of it, and Billy Hoy, who had not heard of his playing qualities in days goneby is to act as coach. The games are to be played on Saturday and Sunday. The club will also have the backing of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, when it proves itself worthy of support.

Any white deaf man of the country is invited to come to Dayton and let coach Hoy size him up as to his abilities in batting fielding and base running.

It is Mr. Hoy's aim to make up a club that will gain the respect of the public, for he says rowdism on and off the field will not be permitted, no matter what the abilities of the player may be. Deaf players who are well up in the game, desiring further information on the matter should write him at 5737 Hamilton Avenue, College Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio. Players engaged will be provided jobs during the season in Dayton, so the management says.

The State Journal of Monday has this:

One man who favors a convention hall for Columbus, although he has not heard a word of the arguments in its favor, is Elasco Burcham, janitor at the Ohio State School for the Deaf.

Mr. Burcham walked into the office of the Columbus Convention, Exposition and Community Service Association, 40 W. Gay Street, with application for membership and \$10.

To the secretary's questions he merely smiled and pointed to his ears and mouth as a sign that he could neither hear nor speak. The secretary pointed to a line on the application blank which should have carried the name of the solicitor and Mr. Burcham shook his head to indicate he had not been solicited. Mr. Burcham said it was through the Columbus newspapers and others publicity he had become interested and decided he wanted to be a member of the Convention Association.

The Advance Society held a meeting Tuesday evening last, with seventeen members present. Most of the time was taken up with committee reports of the late Valentine social. The affair according to Treasurer Ohlmscher netted \$134.65. He also reported that the two funds, Society and Home combined, had at the end of February, a balance of \$432.49, of which \$239.02 belong to the latter.

The Akron and Columbus Silent basketball teams, who played a game in the afternoon of the social, were given a vote of thanks for their contribution to the society and also these people for donations to the social.

Mrs. Joseph Neutzling, Mrs. E. Eisey, Mrs. Faulhaber, Mrs. A. Ohlmscher, Mrs. G. Clum, Mrs. A. Callison, Mrs. W. Zorn, Mrs. C. Hoffman, Mrs. W. Mayer, Mrs. W. Wark, (also half pound of pop corn), Mrs. Vogelbund, Mrs. A. Beckert, Miss B. MacGregor, Miss I. Lohr, Miss A. King, Miss K. Jansen, Miss K. Toskey, Miss I. Crossen, Miss Bayes, Miss Warner, Miss H. Peilly, Miss May Greener, Mr. Greener, Mrs. Zorn, Mr. Zell, Miss Marsh, Mrs. Zell, Miss Zell.

Wm. Eichler was admitted as a member of the Society.

Mr. Ernest Zell told about King Tut Ankh-Amens tomb and the find therein; Mr. Zorn on the K. K.; Mr. Beckert on the British debt payment to the United States, and Mr. Fred Schwartz on the discoveries what the sun would enable us to do in the future.

Eight pupils were experimented upon with the radio one evening this week by a syndicate of newspaper to ascertain what educational effect it had upon the deaf. The result was various. Two totally deaf were not affected by it at all. Others who had slight hearing seemed to think, they were helped by the instrument, and some thought their hearing was benefited, but they could not make out what was said nor tell the different sounds. The pupils were all interested in the instrument. Our own belief is that it will be of very little benefit to the deaf, who became so from disease or were born in that condition. We have our doubts too as to as to children hearing the instrument. We are more inclined to think that it was the vibrations they felt. A. B. G.

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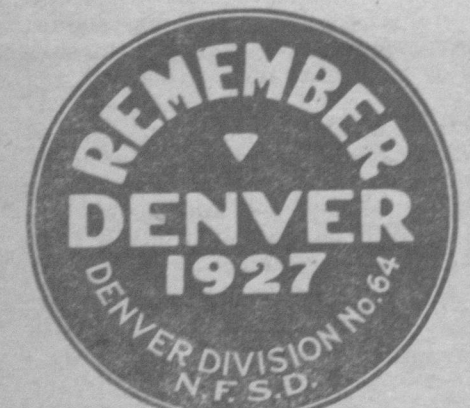
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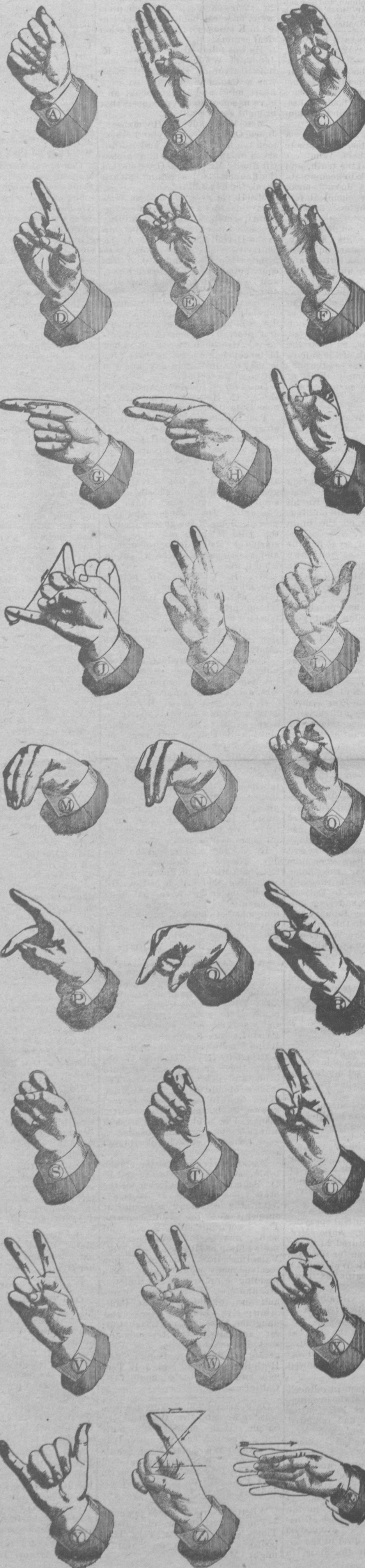
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